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Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE

Applicants hereby petition to make this application special on the ground that one inventor has attained 65 years of age. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(IV). In support, Applicants enclose an enlarged copy of Dr. Manfred Bohn's official identification card. Upon information and belief, no birth certificate is available, and the identification card (which is in English, French, and German) is accepted as proof of age in Dr. Bohn's native country, Germany.

No fee is due with this Petition. 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Petition and charge any additional required fees associated therewith to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 23, 2003

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